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MEETING WITH TONY LAMB

11th September, 1987, Croydon.

A special AETA meeting was held on Saturday 15th August to discuss a strategy to keep East Timor as an issue in the Federal Parliament. A number of points were raised as priorities and it was decided that a meeting should be sought with Tony Lamb to put the points to him.

An appointment was made and Abel Gutteres, George Tieman and Tom Spencer met with Tony. We left him with a copy of the proposals from AETA (attached); a copy of Jim Dunn's proposal; the latest Timor Link (CIIR-London) and a reflection "The uniting Church and East Timor".

In the conversation Tony Lamb was quite receptive to all the points we raised and was keen to reconvene the Parliamentary East Timor Forum.

He agreed in principle to all the elements of the AETA proposal.

Tony Lamb made the following commitments:

1. To send a letter or telegram to the Portuguese President and Prime Minister expressing concern regarding the dropping of the call for "East Timorese self-determination".

2. To circulate a report on East Timor to all members of Parliament - the materialto be prepared by ACET by October 6.

3. To call a meeting of the Timor Forum and would seek to invite Jim Dunn to address the group - updating the situation; to endorse the proposals AETA presented; to give Jim Dunn an opportunity to put forward his idea for an international eminent persons group on East Timor.

4. Would consult with Robert Tickner about possibilities for a Joint UK-Australian Parliamentary delegation to East Timor.

5. To work closely with the Canberra Timor group, noting that parliament was sitting:

September	14-24
October	6-9; 20-29
November	2-5; 17-20; 23-26
December	7-10

Abel raised the plan the Canberra Group have to organise an event for 7th December Anniversary of the invasion. Tony expressed his willingness to participate - parliamentary business permitting.

6. To circulate copies of the Uniting Church document on East Timor and the latest Timor Link (CIIR) to the members of the Timor Forum.

We raised with Tony the possibility that he convene a mmeting between concerned Victorian Parliamentarians (including non-ALP) later in the year to discuss some propositions for action on East Timor with ACET.